

ABBEVILLE HAS
COTTON GRADER

Farmers of Anderson County Have
Not Accepted the Plan Offered
By Byers.

At a meeting of the Abbeville county farmers last week it was decided that the services of a cotton grader is needed at that place and a movement was begun which ended in the expenses of a grader for the period of a year being secured. The grader has already been obtained and the farmers of Abbeville county are assured that their cotton will be properly graded and that will receive strict middling prices for that grade of cotton and not have any buyer or set of buyers cheating him by saying that the cotton is not good middling when it is.

The securing of a cotton grader at Abbeville is one of the results of Anderson county having had a grader in the past. Letters that bespoke the good work that was done here by the market association and the cotton grader have been published in the daily papers of this city and that information has penetrated the darkness that has been over any person in Abbeville who might have been prejudiced against a grader and the work of securing a grader was begun and accomplished.

The question that is before the farmers of Anderson county today is whether or not they are going to secure the services of a cotton grader for the fall marketing. The business men of this city have signed a contract, agreeing to pay half the expenses of the grader provided the farmers will pay the other half. It has been decided that the grader would be allowed to charge a small fee for grading cotton, which would aid in defraying the grader's expenses. It has been placed squarely before the farmers and they can decide now or wait until they have suffered heavy loss on another crop, by which time it is safe to say they will need no encouragement in going "fifty-fifty" with the business men in securing the grader.—Daily Mail.

BODY OF EUGENIE
RESTS IN ENGLAND

Farnborough, Eng., July 21.—The body of former Empress Eugenie of France was laid to rest here today between the tombs of her husband, Napoleon III, and her son, the Prince Imperial, in a crypt in St. Michaels Abbey. Those present at the entombment were King George, and Queen

Mary of Great Britain, King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain, the Duke of Connaught, the prince of Monaco, members of the British royal family, the Italian, Spanish and French ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic world.

The chief mourners were Prince Victor Napoleon and Princess Clementine.

RAILWAY RATES
WILL BE RAISED

To Take Care of Increased Wages—
Will Soon Cost More to Travel
Says Thom in Statement

Washington, July 22.—Milk and passenger transportation are to bear substantial portions of the rate increase to be asked by the railroads of the interstate commerce commission to offset the \$600,000,000 additional expense caused by the labor board's award, it was announced today by A. P. Thom, general counsel for the association of railway executives. After two days of continuous conferences the executives, Mr. Thom said, have practically completed recommendation to be submitted to the commission for spreading the increased expense to the roads over passenger and freight traffic. The recommendations probably will be presented to the commission tomorrow.

Passenger fares and rates are not included in the pending application of the roads for a freight rate increase of approximately 25 per cent. Mr. Thom declared, however, that it was planned to ask that the passenger traffic absorb as much as possible of the new \$600,000,000 charge against operation. Increases will be asked on communication and multiple tickets and on Pullman charges, he said as well as on ordinary travel. Transportation of milk on which no increase has heretofore been asked is considered as a combination of freight and passenger traffic, Mr. Thom added. Express rates also will be expected to bear part of the increased burden, he stated.

The portion of the increased expense to be absorbed by passengers is expected to be about 1-2 in the East and from 3-4 to 1 cent a mile in the West. The portion to be applied to freight would amount to 8 per cent, a total of about 36 per cent in increased freight rates to be sought by the roads.

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25,000 MORE BOX
CARS ARE ORDERED
TO MOVE GRAIN

Washington, July 22.—Movement of 25,000 additional box cars from eastern and southeastern roads to western lines to assist in handling the new grain crop was ordered today by the commission on car service of the Association of Railway Executives. The movement will begin July 25 and continue for 30 days.

This order is in line with directions issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission and a renewal of orders in effect for the 30 day period ending July 24.

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FORMIDABLE

The supporters of Senator Harding will be most foolish if they do not frankly realize the formidableness of the Cox and Roosevelt ticket. If they envelop themselves in a mood of cocksureness it may well prove a shroud to their hopes. Four years ago in July Mr. Hughes was certain of success.

Governor Cox is a seasoned politician, skilled in all arts of the craft. He knows when it pays to be bold and when it pays to evade. He will do all one man can to rub the curse of Wilsonism from his candidacy, and yet at the same time not offend the Administration, which has still some strength with Republican idealists. In Franklin D. Roosevelt he has a ticket colleague who adds great strength, especially in New York, where he is held in just esteem as an independent Democrat of the best type.

The twelve states of the Solid South, excluding Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri, muster 136 electoral votes. These votes are Democratic on any platform or none. Thus Governor Cox needs but 130 from the border states and from the North and the West. The legislature of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Rhode Island have all passed 2.75 liquor bills. Ohio went wet on a referendum. It is easy to see how it is hoped to get the needed 130 electoral votes.

Opportunity calls to Senator Harding to come out of his intrenchments and to take the aggressive. A defensive campaign is dangerous. Negation is not enough—the misdeeds of the Administration are not enough basis for the campaign.

What does he propose to do to satisfy the progressive and independents, who are not now wholly satisfied? The worst friends of the Republican candidates are those who seek to surround him with an atmosphere of "stand-patism."

What does he propose with respect to the treaty and the League of Nations? His platform properly avoids making particular attitude toward the treaty a test of party fealty. But the way is open for him to emphasize his own opinions. Will he actively seek to achieve ratification with reservations of the Lodge kind? As a Senator Mr. Harding voted for ratification with the Lodge reservations. Will he throw the legitimate influence of the White House in their direction if he is elected?

Would he give the Volstead act an adequate trial, or would he nullify the Eighteenth Amendment, as the Fourteenth has been nullified by action and non action of Congress? Will he maneuver not to offend the wet vote, as four years ago Mr. Hughes was fatally persuaded to be polite to the pro-Germans?

No political organization fights well except when it is affirmative. This is particularly true of the Republican organization. It is well to advertise a purpose to turn the incompetents out. But after they are turned out, what then? Is it the plan to carry on or is it merely to stand still?

The Republican rank and file turn to Senator Harding with a longing for him to reveal the stuff of definite leadership. Probably no speech of acceptance will be as widely real and be as potent touching the November result as the one Senator Harding is soon to make.—N. Y. Tribune.

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WHY WOOD STAYED AT HOME

From George Creel's book on "The War, the World and Wilson" the following is taken:

"General Wood was not sent to France for the very good reason that General Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, did not ask to have him sent, plain indication that he was neither needed nor wanted in France. The decision was not the decision of the President nor the Secretary of War nor the Chief of Staff, but the weighed judgment of General Pershing, the soldier selected for the high post of field command, and given full power even as he was held to full responsibility. All the Generals in charge of American training camps were sent to France in the summer of 1917, not only that they might see for themselves the goal to which they were pointed, the style of fighting, and the kind of soldiers that would have to be made, but equally for the purpose of permitting General Pershing to pass upon their personalities, character and abilities. The Generals returned, applied themselves to the work of turning raw boys into fit defenders and in due time Pershing sent to the Chief-of-Staff a list of the commanders that he desired to accompany their divisions to France when the stage of embarkation should be reached. The name of General Wood was not on the list."

It was Pershing, not Wilson, who kept Wood at home, just as it was the General Staff, not the President that vetoed Col. Roosevelt's request that he be permitted to lead a volunteer division to France. Still, we don't suppose these facts make any difference. The President will have to go on bearing the blame just the same.—News and Courier.

ANOTHER "MEANEST MAN" IN JAIL AT AMERICUS

Americus, Ga. July 22.—Charlie Ottis, alias Overall Charlie, a negro, is alleged to be the meanest man in Sumter County. He is in jail charged with having passed a piece of ordinary paper on Ed Jenkins, blind coroner, for a \$1 bill. He received 90 cents in change, besides a small purchase, which, if anything adds to the meanness of the crime.

Coroner Jenkins conducts a small store in Leslie, near here, and the paper alleged to have been passed upon him for money had evidently been wet and dried by some process, which gave it the feel of the muchly desired. Ottis denies he is guilty, but Deputy Sheriff S. L. Cox, who arrested him, says he has the ample evidence of the negro's guilt.

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